

Amendment**U.S. Patent Application No. 10/695,771****REMARKS**

The Examiner is request not to enter the Amendment filed November 18, 2005 and to enter and consider this Amendment instead. The above claim amendments are made with respect to the state of the claims considered in the Office Action of August 19, 2005.

Claims 1, 3 – 10, 12, 13, 17 – 23, 25 – 27, 29 – 35, 37 – 42, 44 – 46, and 48 are pending in the subject application. Claims 19 and 44 – 46 were previously indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and the remaining claims were rejected. By the above amendments, claims 1, 13, 18 – 21, 33, 35, 44, and 48 have been amended, and claims 2, 11, 14 – 16, 28, 36, and 43 have been canceled (claims 24 and 47 were canceled by a previous Amendment). Favorable reconsideration of the application and allowance of all of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting the recent telephone interviews with the undersigned attorney. It is believed that the amended claims reflect subject matter that the Examiner agreed was allowable over the prior art of record (including Knowd and Sokol). In particular, claims 19 and 44, which were indicated as allowable in the Office Action, have been rewritten in independent form. Further, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 (internal pressure sensor), 11 (pivotal bracket), and 20 (digital display), and claims 18 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form and also include the limitations of claims 2 and 14 (clip-like bracket). Independent method claim 33 has been amended to include limitations corresponding to those of amended claim 1 (internal pressure sensor, pivotal bracket, and digital display). Method claim 35 has been rewritten in independent form and includes limitations corresponding to those of amended claim 20 (internal pressure sensor, clip-like bracket, and digital display).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to find the application to be in condition for allowance with claims 1, 3 – 10, 12, 13, 17 – 23, 25 – 27, 29 – 35, 37 – 42, 44 – 46, and 48. However, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the

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undersigned attorney to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time, with payment of the one-month extension of time fee (small entity). Further, a small entity excess claim fee in the amount of \$400 is filed herewith for payment of four excess independent claims (7 total independent claims). Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required for the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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